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1. ALL NEWSPAPERS FEB WE REPORTED DECISION BY SHELL AND CALTEX TO PASS THROUGH TO RETAIL DEALERS PART OF OPEC PRICE INCREASE NOT SUBSIDIZED BY RTG (PARA 3A REFTEL). MOST FORECAST THAT MANY SERVICE STATIONS WILL REFUSE TO TAKE DELIVERIES, PARTICULARLY OF DIESEL OIL, FROM MARKETING COMPANIES, SINCE DEALERS ARE BEING ASKED TO ABSORB COST INCREASE WHICH THEY CANNOT, WITHOUT ACTION BY RTG TO INCREASE RETAIL PRICES, PASS ALONG TO CONSUMERS.

2. ACCORDING PRESS, PRESIDENT OF OIL TRADERS' ASSOCIATION PLANS TO FILE PROTEST WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN PRAMAN, PRAMAN ALSO CHAIRS OIL POLICY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ISSUE TODAY.

3. AS NOTED REFTEL, MARKETING COMPANIES ARE APPROACHING COST
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PROBLEM IN VARYING WAYS, DEPENDING ON PRODUCT MIX, DEALER

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RELATIONSHIPS, ETC. SHELL, FOR EXAMPLE, IS ASKING
DEALERS TO ABSORB THREE STANG SHORTFALL ON DIESEL FUEL ONLY.
CALTEX IS ABSORBING 1.5 STANGS OF SHORTFALL AND ASKING
DEALERS TO ABSORB 1.5 STANGS, RETROACTIVE TO FEB 1, ON ALL
PRODUCTS. ESSO HAD PLANNED TO PASS ON 1.5 STANG ON SELECTED
PRODUCTS TO DEALERS EFFECTIVE FEB 23, BUT IN VIEW PRESS
REPORTS HAS DEFERRED ACTION, PENDING RESULTS OF MEETING WITH
DEALERS TODAY.
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